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Applicant: Hahn-Carlson Examiner: Backer, F.
Serial No.: 09/527,717 Group Art Unit: 3621
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Title: **VALIDATION APPROACH FOR AUDITING A VENDOR-BASED TRANSACTION**

CERTIFICATE UNDER 37 CFR 1.8: The undersigned hereby certifies that this correspondence and the papers, as described hereinabove, are being deposited in the United States Postal Service, as first class mail, in an envelope addressed to: Assistant Commissioner for Patents, Washington, D.C. 20231, on April 16, 2002.

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SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT (37 C.F.R. §1.97(c))

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Dear Sir:

With regard to the above-identified application, the items of information listed on the enclosed Form 1449 are brought to the attention of the Examiner.

This statement should be considered because it is submitted before the mailing of a final Office Action or before the mailing of a Notice of Allowance of the above-identified application. Please charge Deposit Account 50-0996 (USBA.004PA) in the amount of \$180.00 for the appropriate fee as set forth in 37 C.F.R. §1.17(p).

In accordance with 37 C.F.R. §1.98(a)(2), a copy of each document or other information listed on the enclosed Form 1449 is provided.

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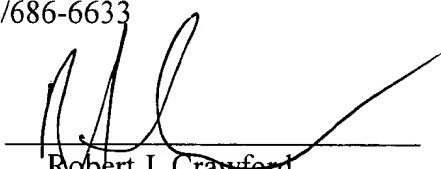
35 U.S.C. §§102 and 103 and Applicants reserve the right, pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §1.131 or otherwise, to establish that the reference(s) are not "prior art." Moreover, Applicants do not represent that a reference has been thoroughly reviewed or that any relevance of any portion of a reference is intended.

Consideration of the items listed is respectfully requested. Pursuant to the provisions of M.P.E.P. §609, it is requested that the Examiner return a copy of the attached Form 1449, marked as being considered and initialed by the Examiner, to the undersigned with the next official communication.

Respectfully submitted,

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